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**MARINE PROTECTED AREAS FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET
NOVEMBER 17-19 IN SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA**

The Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (MPAFAC), managed jointly by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of the Interior, will hold its second meeting on November 17-19 in San Mateo, Calif. Agenda items will include the election of committee chair and vice-chair; adoption of operating procedural rules; discussion of future committee work plans; possible subcommittee formation; and review of the committee's federal charter and charge of responsibilities. Presentations are also slated on the Department of the Interior's National Park System MPA programs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Refuge System, and the Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service's MPA Programs.

WHAT: Second meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee
Attendance is open to any interested individuals, but registration is required. Oral public input will be conducted during the public statement period on Wednesday, Nov. 19 and will be limited by any individual or group to five minutes.

WHEN: Monday, November 17, 2003 – Wednesday, November 19, 2003
8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Wednesday.

WHERE: San Mateo Marriott San Francisco Airport Hotel, 1770 South Amphlett Boulevard, San Mateo, CA 94402-2708

WHO: Tim Keeney, deputy assistant secretary for oceans and atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Mary M. Glackin, assistant administrator for program planning and integration, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Patty Morrison, deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals management, Department of the Interior; 30 members of the FAC and 10 representatives of federal agencies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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